

PREXIES RETURNED TO AGENCY

Overprint More Stamps For Trieste

Nearly all the Italian commemorative stamps of recent issue have been overprinted for use in the Free Territory of Trieste which is still under the supervision of the Allied Military Government.

Among those which have received the "A. M. G.—F. T. T." overprint are the stamps issued by Italy for the inauguration of the elections in Trieste, and one for the first Centenary of the Roman Republic.

The former is a 20L. red stamp which pictures San Giusto, used as the city hall in Trieste. The overprint is in green. The second is the 100L. Centenary issue noted above overprinted in red.

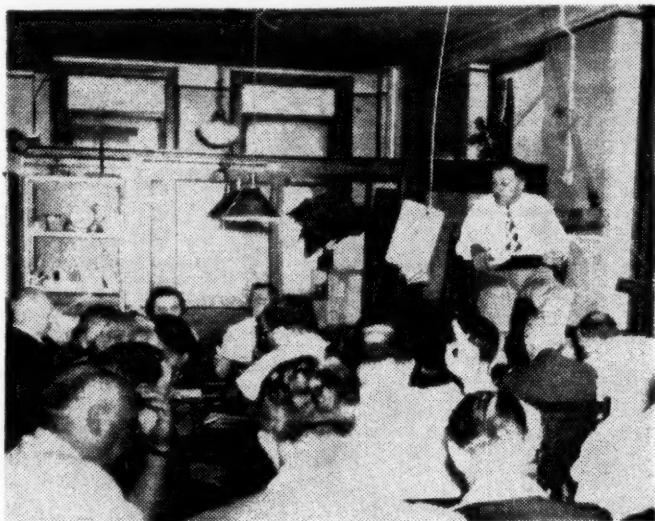
An overprint was also applied to the set issued on June 15 as Italy's tribute to the success of the ERP. Values were a 5L. green 15L. violet and 20L. brown.

In the "B" Zone of Trieste, there was issued on June 15 an airmail set of seven stamps.

Values and designs are as follows: 1h. green, fishermen; 2h. brown, men and donkey; 5h. blue, a fishing scene; 10h. violet, men and donkey; 25h. light brown, fishing scene; 50h. olive green, men and donkey; 100h. brown and white, dove of peace.

These stamps bear Serb-Croat and Italian writing.

News of the issues was received through the courtesy of the Penny Black Stamp Co. of New York City.



BOWS OUT AS PHILATELIC AUCTIONEER. After 37 years of selling stamps at auction, Max Ohlman, of Ohlman Galleries announced that his 399th sale shown in session above would be his last. In attendance, it was one of the best of the current season when over 100 persons were present each of whom bought at least one of the lots. Mr. Ohlman will offer a new "Personalized Auction Service" in which he will represent clients at the auctions in the New York area.

Statement That Book's Price Predictions Are 83 Pct. Correct Fails To Stand Investigation

By Herman Herst, Jr.

It was a certain European master of psychology, who because of his twisted mind and who shall remain nameless here, frequently remarked, "If you repeat a lie often enough, there will be no one who will not believe it."

The European psychologist used this fact to twist the minds of a nation into excesses of cruelty and perversion. The same fact has been used on frequent occasions on this side of the ocean as well, although happily not for the same sadistic purposes. Politicians, advertising men, and book publishers have found that the most impossible utterances can be accepted by intelligent people if repeated often enough.

In the stamp field, there is one somewhat similar statement going the rounds that no one seems to take the trouble to refute. In the advertising for a crystal ball book on future stamp prices, the publisher is repeatedly stating that the conclusions therein have been proven to be "83% correct."

In selling a bill of goods to Collier's, the national weekly magazine, the author's photo was shown with the claim that he was "83% correct" with his prognostications.

In publicity photos taken with Dunninger (who sensibly admits he is an entertainer, and not a mind-reader or prophet), the author of the book again credited with being "83% correct" as against Dunninger's "90%."

We assume that such publications as Collier's who plugged the book, its author, and the publisher who is selling it, either have not read the book, or are completely unacquainted with the stamp market. Far from being "83% correct," we venture to suggest that the "Predicted Prices" as shown for this year, 1949, are not 73% correct.

As a matter of fact, our own study of them indicates that they are not only not 53% correct, but that if one suggests a figure of

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All 32 Stamps Including The Coil Stamps Are Again On Sale At Face Value To Collectors

Confirmation of the rumor which has existed for the past two months in respect to again replacing the Presidential Series of regular stamps on sale at the Philatelic Agency by July 1 was confirmed by an official bulletin from the Post Office Department. It read, "The Post Office Department announces that the series of ordinary postage stamps, issue of 1938, (Presidential Series), will again be placed on sale at the Philatelic Agency in Washington on July 1, 1949."

Originally removed from the stock of the Agency due to the fact that the staff was overburdened filling orders for commemorative stamps they will now be offered for the first time since April 11, 1947.

In the intervening two years and three months, the Post Office Department has been called upon many times by collectors to again place the series on sale. According to spokesmen for the Department, the heavy commemorative schedule for 1948 when 29 stamps made their appearance, made it inadvisable to add to the already overburdened facilities of the Agency.

Issued in 1938, the Presidential Series, so called because it pictured all the former Presidents of the United States who were no longer living, has denominations ranging in value from 1/2c to \$5. Only three of the series did not picture presidents, these being a 1/2c carrying a portrait of Franklin, a 1 1/2c picturing Martha Washington and a 4 1/2c showing the White House.

Denominations of the entire series are:—1/2c, 1c, 1 1/2c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 4 1/2c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c, 11c, 12c, 13c, 14c, 15c, 16c, 17c, 18c, 19c, 20c, 21c, 22c, 24c, 25c, 30c, 50c, \$1, \$2 and \$5.

Some of the above denominations also appeared in the form of coil stamps and it is presumed the Agency will return these for sale also. These denominations were:—Perforated Vertically, 1c, 1 1/2c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 4 1/2c, 5c, 6c, and 10c. Perforated Horizontally, 1c, 1 1/2c, 2c and 3c.

Inasmuch as there are intimations that the Post Office Department will issue a new series of ordinary stamps some time in 1950, the stamps of the Presidential Series will not remain current too long. It is therefore for that reason that collectors are urged to purchase their requirements of Presidential Series stamps as soon as possible.

It is not expected that the series will be placed on sale in all denominations in the post offices. Some months ago, the Department adopted the policy of abandoning some of the little used odd denominations and requested postmasters to clear their stocks of such values or to return them to the central accounting office for credit.

Included in the stamps so abandoned were the 11c, 13c, 14c, 16c, 17c, 18c, 19c, 21c, 22c, 24c.

Orders for the stamps can be sent to the Philatelic Agency at once. They are sold at face value, plus return postage and registration where the collector wants the shipment registered. A sum

sufficient to cover the cost of the stamps and the postal charges must be sent with the order. The Agency will return excess monies sent over and above the cost of the order.

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Eucharistic Congress Set From Ecuador

Ecuador, on June 15, released six stamps to honor the second Eucharistic Congress. Rather than produce a new issue for the event stamps already in stock were overprinted.

Three of the stamps have Scott type A186 as the base. This is the 40c ultramarine which depicts the Jesuit Church at Quito. On them, in red is the following: at the top, "II Congreso/Junio 1949" and at the bottom, the new value which is either 10c, 20c or 30c on one line, and the wording, "Eucaristico Nel." on the next.

Basic stamp for the top three values is the Scott type AP39, picturing Juan de Velasco. Carmine rose, it has a value of 1.10S. The legend at the top of the stamps is, "II Congreso/Junio 1949," and at the bottom, "Eucaristico Nel." on one line and below it, the values 50c, 60c or 90c and a bar through the word Sucre. This overprint is in blue.

A first day cover bearing the set was received through the courtesy of Juan Lestrel, P. O. Box 537, Quito, Ecuador.

Asks Stamp For Pharmacy Group

Request for a stamp to be issued in 1952 has already been made of Postmaster General Donaldson.

H. George Wolfe, vice-chairman of the American Pharmaceutical Association Section on Historical Pharmacy asked that a stamp be issued to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Founding of the APHA.

A resolution to this effect was adopted by the group during a recent meeting in Jacksonville, Fla.

Suggested design would include a portrait of William Proctor, Jr. working in his laboratory. Proctor is often called the Father of American Pharmacy.

More Slogan Cancels For Cover Collectors

Slogan cancellations will be provided by the Post Office Department for use at Vassar, Michigan and Punxsutawney, Pa.

The one for Vassar will read, "Centennial/1849 Cork Pine City, 1949/Vassar, Michigan."

That for Punxsutawney, Pa. will bring attention to the centennial of that city and will read, "Punxsutawney, Pa. Centennial 1849...1949."

To obtain them on covers, collectors are to prepare envelopes with their names and addresses and first class postage of 3c. Stuffers are to be added to each cover.

Prepared covers are then to be sent to the post-master in either or both of the towns with the request that the special slogan cancellation be applied.

Death Calls Wife Of Kingston, N. Y., Dealer

E. J. Linson, president and general manager of the Jordan Stamp Co. of Kingston, N. Y. has announced the death of his wife, Nancy Linson on Friday, June 17. Mrs. Linson had been quite active in stamp club work, and had been associated with her husband in the stamp business.

Pakistan Commem Will Honor Founder

Pakistan has announced that a set of three stamps will be issued on August 11 to commemorate the first anniversary of the death of Jinnah, the first governor and founder of the state.

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AUSTRIA—On June 21 a 20gr. green, bearing a green star, was issued to mark the Esperanto Congress.

FINLAND—Three Anti-T. B. Charity stamps, picturing flowers, have been issued. These are: a 5+2 marka, green; 9+3 m. red; and 15+5 m. brown.



FRANCE—A new 50Fr. sepia shows a peasant's cottage in a valley. The stamp bears the wording "Le Gerbier de Junc (Vivaraux)."

FRANCE—Four postage values and one airmail have been issued to commemorate the C. I. T. T. The postage values consist of portraits of famous Frenchmen, with the dates of their birth and death.

There is a 10fr. vermilion, showing Claude Chappet; a 15fr. black, showing Arago Ampere; the 25fr. lake, shows Emile Baudot; and the 50fr. indigo, shows General Ferrie.

The 100fr. airmail is in the same size and format as C22. The stamp is attractively pictured in lake, showing a bridge with buildings in the background.



ITALY—A 20 lire, red-brown, honors the elections in Trieste. The stamp is also issued overprinted A. M. G. F. T. T. in green, for use in Trieste.

HUNGARY—The Pushkin commemoratives have been received. These consist of a 1ft.+1ft. red-brown, showing a statue of Pushkin in an oval. This stamp comes in a miniature sheet of ten subjects.

There is also a semi-postal of 1ft. plus 1ft. showing Pushkin with pen in hand, and an allegorical figure symbolizing poetry at his left.

Attached to this is a label showing a young man and a woman bearing a flag. It makes an interesting souvenir sheet which is very attractive. The sheet comes both perforated and imperf.



JAPAN—Two 8-yen commemoratives just received honor the Meteorological Observatory and a Communication Department revision.

PERU—Nine postage stamps and nine airmails, honoring the Spanish-American Postal Congress, will be issued. Denominations will run from 2c to 10S. in the postage series, and from 5c to 20S. in the airmail series.

SAN MARINO—On June 28 a Garibaldi commemorative set was issued.

TRIESTE—A seven value airmail set for Zone B (Jugoslav Administration) will be issued in July. Denominations are: 1h. showing fishermen, 2h. showing a man and mule, with an airplane overhead. This same design is also used for the 10h. and the 50h. While the same

design as used for the 1h. is also used for the 50h. and 25h. There is also a 10h. showing a bird in flight.

TURKEY—An attractive set just received shows wrestlers. Denominations are: 15k. red violet; 20k. blue; 30k. brown; and 6k. yellow green.

The stamps are printed on granite paper by the Swiss firm of Courvoisier. The set was issued to honor the Turkish wrestling teams' success in the matches held at Istanbul.

Four More Nations Announce UPU Sets

Four additional nations have made official announcements of their intentions of producing issues for the 75th anniversary of the Universal Postal Union.

Greece has declared that it will issue a single stamp. No mention was made as to the denomination, color or design, or when the first day of issue might occur.

Egypt too, plans a series of three stamps, but further details about the issue other than the number in the set were not given.

Iraq has announced that it will issue three stamps to mark the event. Face values will be 20, 40 and 50 fils. No first day of issue was given, but it is expected that this will occur around October 10.

India will have four stamps in the commemorative series it will produce. Presumably, the first day of issue will be in October also. Denominations are to be 9 pies, 2, 3½ and 12 annas.

France will burst forth with one grand display of enthusiasm for the celebration by issuing a stamp with a face value of 500 Francs. Even with the low exchange value of the franc, the stamp will still be a costly picture.

The check list brought up to date, follows.

UPU COMMEMORATIVES

| Country | Stamps in set | 1st Day |
|--------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| Germany | 12, 16, 24, 50, 60 Pfg. | April 11 |
| Italy | 1 and 2 Marks | May 2 |
| Trieste (AMG opt.) | 50 Lire | May 2 |
| Switzerland | 10c, 25, 40c | May 16 |
| Czechoslovakia | 3, 5, 13 Kes. | May 20 |
| Liechtenstein | 40c | May 23 |

TO BE ISSUED

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|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| Great Britain | 2½, 3, 6d and 1/- | Oct. 10 |
| Spain | 4 Pesetas | Oct. 9 |
| Venezuela | 5, 10, 15, 25, 30, 50, 60, 90, 1B | Oct. 10 |

ANNOUNCED WITHOUT DATES

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|-----------------------|-------|----------------------|
| Algeria | | 25Fr. |
| Cameroun | | 25Fr. |
| France | | 500Fr. |
| Fr. Eq. Africa | | 25Fr. |
| French India | | 1 rupee |
| French Oceania | ..... | 10Fr. |
| Fr. W. Africa | ..... | 25Fr. |
| Iceland | ..... | 25, 35, 60 aur. |
| Indo-China | ..... | 3 piastre |
| Iran | ..... | 20, 40 and 50 fils. |
| Japan | ..... | 2, 8, 14, 25, 62 yen |
| Madagascar | ..... | 25Fr. |
| New Caledonia | ..... | 10Fr. |
| New Hebrides (French) | ..... | 10, 15, 30, 50c |
| Poland | ..... | 5, 18, 30 zl. |
| St. Pierre & Mq. | ..... | 25Fr. |
| Salvador | ..... | 5, 10c and 1 Col. |
| Somali Coast | ..... | 25Fr. |
| Spanish Guinea | ..... | 4Pis. |
| Spanish W. Africa | ..... | 4Pis. |
| Togo | ..... | 25Fr. |
| Wallis & Futuna | ..... | 10Fr. |

CROWN COLONIES

| Country | Stamps in set | 1st Day |
|------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| Aden | | 20c, 30c, 50c and 1/- |
| Kathiri | | 20c, 30c, 50c, 1/- |
| Qu'aiti | | 20c, 30c, 50c 1/- |
| Antigua | | 2½d, 3d, 6d and 1/- |
| Ascension | | 3d, 6d, 1d and 1/- |
| Bahamas | | 2½d, 3d, 6d and 1/- |
| Barbados | | 1½d, 3d, 6d and 1/- |
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| Br. Honduras | | 4c, 5c, 10c, 25c |
| Br. Solomon | | 2d, 3d, 5d and 1/- |
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He is Leo A. McKee of Coffeyville, Kansas. Mr. McKee stated that he has every issue ever printed of Linn's. Because of this back file, he stated that he has on more than one occasion been able to assist collectors by looking up material for them.

He has been a first rate booster of Linn's for the past twenty years. His present goal is to have each of the members of the Coffeyville Collectors Club of which he is president and organizer become a subscriber.

Mr. McKee said that he felt that getting collectors to subscribe to Linn's was a first rate thing to do since as he stated, "I have seen or read all the stamp papers over the years, and I have never seen a paper to match Linn's for a full coverage of what is going on in the philatelic world."

Cachet Planned For Airport Dedication

When the new municipal airport of Ames, Iowa is dedicated on July 10, the Ames Stamp Club will apply a cachet to the prepared covers of collectors.

Covers will be sent by air which will require 6c worth of stamps on each. Names and addresses are to be kept to the right hand side and stuffers inserted.

Prepared covers are then to be sent with a 1c per cover to C. O. Powers, Box 487, Ames, Iowa.

Israel's New York Office Has Current Stamps

The Philatelic Service of the new State of Israel is now represented in the United States by Dror Gal-Ezer, official of the Ministry of Transport and Communications of Israel.

Stamp dealers interested in procuring Israeli stamps and information about them may contact him at the Ministry's office in New York City, Room 219, 250 West 57 Street.

FIRST DAY NEWS

Some readers have inquired about the non-appearance of the box which usually appears in this space giving the news about impending issues. It has not appeared because there are no new stamps announced to be issued at this time. It will be inserted immediately when the Post Office Department releases such news.

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384 2c Carmine... 7.90 .09 .03 3.85
408 1c Green... .46 .05 .03 .14
409 2c Carmine... .09 .05 .04 .38
481 1c Green... .36 .08 .05 .23
482 2c Carmine... .62 .16 .15 .58
483 1c Violet... 1.25 .80 .72 2.90
483 3c Violet II... 2.85 .69 .69 2.70
531 1c Green... 5.50 1.30 1.30 5.40
532 2c Carmine... 4.65 1.15 .84 4.65
535 3c Violet... 4.65 1.15 1.10 4.65
578 1c Green... 2.65 .85 .60 2.60
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577 2c Carmine... .36 .17 .17 .36
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631 15c Rotary... 1.50 .37 .37 1.60
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755 3c Wisconsin... .46 .12 .08 .33
756 1c Park... .19 .06 .04 .21
757 2c Park... .38 .07 .06 .30
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Dominican Stamps Picture Old Church

The beginnings of Christianity in the New World and the history of a great American church are commemorated in a series of six new postage stamps issued by the Dominican Republic.

One of the first shipments of the new issue to become available in this country was recently delivered to the Philatelic Division of the Pan American Union by no less than two Ambassadors Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, in person!

They were Ambassador Luis Francisco Thomen, Dominican envoy to the United States, and Ambassador Joaquin E. Salazar, Dominican representative on the Council of the Organization of American States. Ambassador Thomen is an ardent philatelist himself but the pressure of official duties, he stated, has prevented him from enjoying the hobby to its fullest extent at this time.

His collecting activities, which date back many years, were at first given over to a world wide field. Later, however, he restricted them to issues of the Western Hemisphere alone.

His holdings of the Dominican Republic show many of the classics of the early days. Despite his specialization in Hemisphere issues he nevertheless still enjoys seeing and discussing stamps released from other quarters.

Ambassador Salazar, while not a collector, has, in the course of his official duties, taken part in at least one philatelic incident that has received high praise from thousands of stamp collectors in the United States. It was largely due to his efforts that the current arrangements were concluded with the Dominican Republic as a result of which collectors in this country are able to obtain current and recent stamps at face value through the Pan American Union.

The building of the Church of San Francisco, to which the new stamps are dedicated, was begun in 1503, and finished in 1556, thus preceding the landing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock by more than three score years. In it was celebrated the first communion to be held in the New World, and until a Cathedral and other churches were built in the region, it ministered to the spiritual needs of the first newcomers to the Western Hemisphere.

Thereafter, it served as a hospital, and was finally abandoned. Today, nothing but ruins remain to mark the place in which Christianity sank its roots into the soil of a new continent.

The stamps of the new series are of uniform design and size, measuring 33 by 40 mm. They differ in color and type, with the 1 and 3 centavo stamps designated for regular mail, and the 7, 10, 15 and 20 centavo stamps designated for air mail use. They were issued in quantities ranging from 2,000,000 to 300,000 copies.

A further issue of stamps has been authorized by the Dominican Republic, according to Ambassador Salazar, which will commemorate the first Anniversary of the Battle of Las Carreras. That series will consist of a three centavo regular mail, and a 10 centavo air mail stamp.

No release date has thus far been announced, but it is assumed that the additional issues will appear shortly.

New Zealand Announces Annual Health Stamps

October 3 has been the date selected by the Postal Administration of New Zealand for the first day of the annual health stamp set.

And as in the nine years past, the denominations will again be 1d plus 1/2d, and 2d plus 1d. Both stamps will have the same design which depicts a nurse with a small child in her arms who is picking blossoms from a tree.

The low value will be deep green in color and the other stamp, dark blue.

The stamps are to remain on sale until January 31, 1950.

Canadian Club Sponsors Cachet

The Saskatoon Stamp Club of Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada is going to have a display of stamps at the big Industrial Exhibition which is scheduled in that city from July 25 to 30.

To mark the event, the club will sponsor a cachet which will be available to all collectors.

Collectors must prepare their own covers with their names and addresses kept well to the right hand side. Stuffers are also to be enclosed. The postage stamp will be supplied by the club, and will be the new Halifax commemorative which had its first day on June 21.

Cost of the service will be 10c for a single on cover, 15c for a pair, 30c for a block and 50c for

a plate block.
Prepared covers and the remittance are to be sent to William S. Leaman, 1215 Kilburn Ave., Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada.

Naval Hospital Collectors Need Help

Miss Marie Adams, Field Director ARC, at the US Naval Hospital, Oakland 14, Calif., has just asked Ernest Kehr, national chairman of Stamps for the Wounded for assistance in getting a stamp club started.

Collectors living in that area who are willing to devote about an evening a week to the work of helping the hospitalized servicemen there should communicate with Miss Adams, or Miss Jean Edmonds, Recreation Worker in charge of the Stamp Club.

HEAT WAVE SPECIAL SALE OF FINE UNITED STATES STAMPS

These offerings are items from our regular stock at a savings with the double purpose of introducing our service to new friends and also aiding ourselves to balance our stock. The items listed below are available only as long as our present supplies last. NOTE—These prices good until July 31, 1949 only, orders postmarked later than this date will not be accepted. It will pay to check this list carefully, our regular customers know from past experience to take advantage of these opportunities.

| UNUSED | | | |
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| Scott # | Description | Block | Single |
| 238 | 15c Columbian | — | 5.00 |
| 239 | 30c Columbian | — | 8.00 |
| 252 | 2c Triangle III (1894) | — | 1.75 |
| 268 | 3c Purple (1895) | — | .58 |
| 273 | 10c Dark Green | — | 1.30 |
| 279b | 2c Red (1898) | — | .18 |
| 279c | 2c Rose Carmine | — | 3.25 |
| 279d | 2c Orange Red | — | .28 |
| 294 | 1c Pan American | — | .30 |
| 295 | 2c Pan American | — | .30 |
| 314 | 1c Blue Green, Imperf. (1906) | — | 1.05 |
| 320 | 2c Carmine, Imperf. | — | 1.55 |
| 323 | 1c Louisiana Purchase | — | .85 |
| 324 | 3c Louisiana Purchase | — | .60 |
| 325 | 3c Louisiana Purchase | — | 12.50 |
| 326 | 5c Louisiana Purchase | — | 4.00 |
| 327 | 10c Louisiana Purchase | — | 4.00 |
| 330 | 13c Blue Green | — | 1.50 |
| 343 | 1c Green, Imperf. (1908) | — | 1.50 |
| 344 | 2c Carmine, Imperf. | — | 2.10 |
| 345 | 3c Violet, Imperf. | — | 7.90 |
| 346 | 4c Brown, Imperf. | — | 9.50 |
| 347 | 5c Blue, Imperf. | — | 19.00 |
| 348 | 2c Coll. | — | 1.70 |
| 350 | 4c Coll. | — | 8.50 |
| 352 | 1c Coll. | — | 3.65 |
| 353 | 2c Coll. | — | 3.10 |
| 383 | 1c Green, Imperf. (1910) | — | .65 |
| 384 | 2c Carmine, Imperf. | — | 7.50 |
| 385 | 1c Coll. | — | 1.35 |
| 386 | 2c Coll. | — | 2.60 |
| 387 | 3c Coll. | — | 3.90 |
| 391 | 4c Coll. | — | 2.50 |
| 408 | 1c Green, Imperf. | — | .42 |
| 409 | 2c Carmine, Imperf. | — | .63 |
| 411 | 2c Coll. | — | 3.30 |
| 412 | 1c Coll. | — | 2.40 |
| 413 | 2c Coll. | — | 2.10 |
| 414 | 3c Violet, perf. 10 (1914) | — | 2.10 |
| 415 | 4c Coll. | — | 1.15 |
| 429 | 6c Red Orange | — | .52 |
| 443 | 2c Coll. | — | 1.05 |
| 444 | 3c Coll. | — | 4.50 |
| 447 | 5c Coll. | — | 1.75 |
| 458 | 5c Coll. | — | .90 |
| 460 | 3c Violet (1916) | — | .45 |
| 481 | 1c Green, Imperf. | — | .35 |
| 482 | 2c Carmine, Imperf. | — | .65 |
| 483 | 3c Violet, Imperf. | — | 2.50 |
| 501 | 3c Violet, perf. 11 (1917) | — | 1.15 |
| 508 | 6c Orange | — | .90 |
| 509 | 8c Salmon Red | — | 1.45 |
| 510 | 10c Orange | — | 1.35 |
| 515 | 20c Ultramarine | — | .40 |
| 516 | 30c Red Orange | — | 4.25 |
| 517 | 50c Red Violet | — | 1.10 |
| 517a | 80c Light Violet | — | 1.65 |
| 524 | 9c Green and Black | — | 10.25 |

| UNUSED PLATE NO. BLOCKS | | | |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|
| Scott # | Description | Price | Block |
| 564 | 12c Brown Violet (6) | 2.80 | — |
| 565 | 14c Dark Blue (6) | 1.50 | — |
| 568 | 25c Green (6) | 4.00 | — |
| 622 | 13c Green (6) | 3.00 | — |
| 637 | 5c Blue | .60 | — |
| 638 | 6c Orange | .60 | — |
| 639 | 7c Black | .70 | — |
| 640 | 8c Olive | .78 | — |
| 641 | 9c Orange | .78 | — |
| 642 | 10c Orange | .85 | — |
| 684 | 15c Brown | .25 | — |
| 685 | 4c Brown | .65 | — |
| 690 | 2c Pulaski (6) | .80 | — |
| 692 | 11c Greenish Blue | 1.50 | — |
| 693 | 12c Brown Violet | 1.30 | — |
| 694 | 13c Yellow Green | 1.00 | — |
| 696 | 14c Blue | 1.00 | — |
| 698 | 15c Gray | 2.20 | — |
| 697 | 17c Black | 1.75 | — |
| 698 | 20c Carmine Rose | 3.40 | — |
| 699 | 25c Yellow Green | 3.00 | — |
| 700 | 30c Olive Brown | 3.30 | — |
| 701 | 50c Lilac | .25 | — |
| 702 | 2c Red Cross | .32 | — |
| 706 | 15c Wash. Bi-Centennial | .90 | — |
| 708 | 3c Wash. Bi-Centennial | .90 | — |
| 709 | 4c Wash. Bi-Centennial | .40 | — |
| 712 | 7c Wash. Bi-Centennial | .50 | — |
| 724 | 3c Wm. Penn (6) | 1.00 | — |
| 727 | 3c Newburgh | .33 | — |
| 732 | 3c N. E. A. | .38 | — |
| 737 | 3c Mothers Day | 1.15 | — |
| 740-749 | 1c-10c Natl. Parks, perf. (6) | 8.25 | — |
| 756-765 | 1c-10c Natl. Pks. Imp. (6) | 12.00 | — |
| 776 | 3c Texas | .35 | — |
| 777 | 3c Rhode Island | .35 | — |
| 782 | 3c Arkansas | .35 | — |
| 783 | 3c Oregon | .35 | — |
| 784 | 3c Susan B. Anthony | .30 | — |
| 805 | 4c Presidential | .34 | — |
| 810 | 5c Presidential | .31 | — |
| 811 | 6c Presidential | .31 | — |

| USED BLOCKS | | | |
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| Scott # | Description | Price | Block |
| 801 | 1c Presidential | .40 | — |
| 812 | 2c Presidential | .40 | — |
| 813 | 3c Presidential | .45 | — |
| 814 | 4c Presidential | .45 | — |
| 815 | 5c Presidential | .48 | — |
| 816 | 6c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 817 | 7c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 818 | 8c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 819 | 9c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 820 | 10c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 821 | 11c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 822 | 12c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 823 | 13c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 824 | 14c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 825 | 15c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 826 | 16c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 827 | 17c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 828 | 18c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 829 | 19c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 830 | 20c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 831 | 21c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 832 | 22c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 833 | 23c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 834 | 24c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 835 | 25c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 836 | 26c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 837 | 27c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 838 | 28c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 839 | 29c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 840 | 30c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 841 | 31c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 842 | 32c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 843 | 33c Presidential | .50 | — |
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| 845 | 35c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 846 | 36c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 847 | 37c Presidential | .50 | — |
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| 878 | 68c Presidential | .50 | — |
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| 880 | 70c Presidential | .50 | — |
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| 884 | 74c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 885 | 75c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 886 | 76c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 887 | 77c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 888 | 78c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 889 | 79c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 890 | 80c Presidential | .50 | — |
| 891 | 81c Presidential | .50 | — |
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Concerning Stamp Meets

We have been asked several times by different dealers in different parts of the country to "speak our piece" concerning the coming A. P. S. Convention and the high prices attached to Bourse Tables for visiting dealers. Thus far we have held our fire and in speaking now are not going to any extent further than to point out what we believe to be a fact that is overlooked by those who are interested in seeing a successful convention. Primarily, this meet is supposed to be a convention of the members for the election of officers and the transaction of business of the Society. We will admit that there is some action in so far as discussing business of the society. We gather this from heresay and from reading reports, for on all the occasions wherein we have attended any of the conventions we have never spent any time on the floor of the convention listening to a waste of time unless one wants to enter the arena in a thorough manner and make a year long fight for what he thinks is right. The society has been so handicapped and controlled that it is almost impossible for anyone to get anything done unless he devotes a long time to preparation and effort and then keeps at it hammer and tongs for a few generations. For us, we have too much fun otherwise wasting our time in that manner.

When an organization as big as this has an accumulation of close to a quarter million dollars and does nothing worth while with this money for the people who have helped contribute this fund, it is certainly indicative that there is something wrong somewhere. We are too busy with our own business to make a personal investigation. We have often remarked in a joking manner, that one of the best things that could happen to the APS would be for someone to abscond with all this jack and maybe that would awaken the membership.

Then another matter that a convention is supposed to be held for is the election of officers. For years past this has been a farce. There is no election of officers. They are picked by the Joe Stalin method and you either vote for "Joes Boys" or you don't vote. Personally we believe the Society would benefit in the long run if we had a knock down and drag out election with a campaign before it was held. It would at least get the members interested and we believe the average stamp collector would be a good enough sport to accept the result and get behind the winner each time and push. This is the system we use in our Government and it should be applied to our societies as well.

For fear someone may think I have ambitions, I want to say that I have never wanted an office in any stamp society and would not accept one now.

Now since we have spoken of what the convention is held for, let us see what there is that makes the convention of any interest.

The city which invites the convention is taking on a very big load. The Society does little or nothing to help finance the show so the city that entertains has to handle that and the budget is not one to be sneezed at. Year after year there is a stamp exhibition and a Bourse in conjunction with the convention and since those responsible for the convention part of the show are apparently not aware of it, we might tell them here that it is the exhibit and the bourse that draws the attendance. If you will eliminate these two features your convention will be a flop alongside of past performances.

To finance the exhibit and the bourse substantial fees must be charged. That of course can not be helped as the cost is so high in the big cities that all the committee can do is try to break even.

Some times they make a little money. We consider this as unethical for we do not approve of making money on these affairs. Those who exhibit and those who attend the bourse are the ones that make these shows successful and they should not be charged a penny more than necessary to cover the show. Considering both these latter features, the bourse is the most popular of all convention features for it is a fact that the collector who comes and looks is far more interested in looking for something he wants to buy than in looking at what the other fellow has. Therefore the Dealer is almost entitled to a subsidy rather than a heavy charge to get him there.

At the rate being charged for bourse space at the coming convention, few dealers can count on making a dime if they attend. Those from any distance will have an overall cost of \$250 to \$300 and the boys from Chicago, Pittsburgh and other points are certainly not going to be foolish enough to think that they can make their expense money off of each other in any penny ante game after midnight.

It is high time therefore that the APS takes steps to regulate these convention activities. If they want a show, let the society subsidize or finance it and control the activities under a local committee. At present prices any dealer who has to travel there and back, pay hotel rates and railroad fares and pay for a bourse table, has little chance of any worth while return for his efforts and I can tell you it is darn hard and grueling work to hold down one of those bourse tables for three or four days.

Special Cancellation From Railroad Fair PO

A special cancellation will be available to collectors at the Railroad Fair being held in Chicago. It can be gotten on their covers through personal delivery, or prepared covers can be sent in.

The postal station set up at the grounds will operate from June 25 to October 2, after which it will be closed. Name given to it is the "Gold Gulch Station."

Covers are to have the name and the address of the recipient as well as first class postage of 3c affixed. These prepared covers are to be sent to Postmaster, Gold Gulch Station, Railroad Fair, Chicago, Ill. with a request that the cancellation of that station be applied.

Jacques Minkus Of Gimbels Plans European Trip

Jacques Minkus of Gimbels Stamp Department is planning an extensive European trip. It appears evident that Mr. Minkus will make an extensive buying pilgrimage to stock new and wanted items for the big Gimbels Stamp Department.

These summer months now at hand offer an excellent opportunity for such activity and are strong proof of the faith Mr. Minkus has in the steady volume of business that he is planning through the coming fall and winter months.

It is the wise dealers who plan ahead and devote their slack months to building up their stocks for future business, for good stamps are one of the few items that command a ready market under all conditions.

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TERMS FOR LISTING

Hereafter we will list only stamps which can be identified by listing the Scott Catalogue number. You can list either a single stamp or a set. You may mention mint or used but we will not accept either. You may ask for a pair or block or cover but we will not print listings which require specific descriptions. Each item listed will be numbered in (). This is our key as to the party wanting the stamps. You must send us at least one addressed Postal Card for each item you want listed. When we have used this card to advise you that the item is offered and give your name and address of party offering same, we will remove the item from the list. Frequently we have several offers of some items and suggest extra cards from you. There are no other requirements, listings are free. If an item is carried for four or more weeks without being offered it will be removed from the listing.

MR. DEALER: You are invited to participate in this feature of Linn's Weekly Stamp News by looking over this list of wants that will appear from week to week and advising us which stamps you can supply. In doing this you are expected to list the stamps by the number in () preceding each stamp listed, describe the copy as to condition and name your price on the stamp. This information will then be supplied to the person wanting the stamp and should result in a sale by you and should at the same time give you an opportunity to make a new customer.

* Unused, () used. () Cover. () Block.
FDC, First Day Cover.

- (85) Central Lithuania 52.
- (87) Spain 32.
- (88) Turkey 81.
- (90) Guatemala 200 used.
- (98) Guatemala 54A.
- (99) Guatemala 182.
- (100) Argentina 4A.
- (101) Argentina 4B.
- (102) U. S. 10, 14, 18 used on first class mail.
- (104) Brazil 463A.
- (105) Peru 251 and O1.
- (107) Colombia 386, 386A, 386, 389A, RA30.
- (108) Cover cancelled Reville or Reville, N. J.
- (110) Russia 282a mint
- (111) Russia 286 mint
- (114) Russia 616A mint.
- (115) Russia 617A mint.
- (117) U. S. 5c air coll on FDC with plate number.
- (124) Natl. T. B. Seals 1927-8-9 tied on envelopes in year of issue.
- (125) Mexico-Yucatan 210 S.
- (127) France 258 in quantity.
- (128) U. S. Stampless cover Pmkd. Tuckertown, N. J.
- (129) U. S. Stampless cover Pmkd. Onaco, Va.
- (130) U. S. #808 E. E. Print on FDC U/2835
- (132) Br. Guiana #234 upright wmk.
- (134) Sweden 23a.
- (135) Sweden 23b.
- (136) 19th Century Alabama covers.
- (138) U. S. Bicent. Env. 3c, 4c, FDC.
- (139) U. S. Air mail cover Pmkd. Indianapolis 27-Cent 1938.
- (140) Albania 130, 261-267, 300-4, E1 *
- (141) Brazil 398, 400, J47 *
- (142) Andorra, Spanish issue #5 *
- (143) Brunei 50, 61 *
- (146) New S. Wales, embossed stamped env. of 1838.
- (147) Belgium 399A, B. *
- (148) Persia O68 used.
- (149) Spain, Off. in Morocco RA4-7, RA8-13, E10 *
- (150) Trans Jordan J39, 40, 41 *
- (151) Tunis 98B used or *
- (152) Somaliland Prot. #105 *
- (153) Macao #2309-12 mint or used.
- (154) Afghanistan 330A, 334 used or *
- (156) Algeria J26, 28-30 *
- (157) Andorra 89A, J19-20 *
- (158) Fr. Eq. Afr. #90 *
- (162) Turkey 81, 82.
- (163) Shanghai 144 thru 163.
- (164) Japan #2 to 84, used blocks.
- (165) Japan 78B mint or used.
- (166) U. S. Booklet pane #424 position M. and N.
- (167) U. S. #328 top strip of 6 or 12 with arrow, impt. and Pl. #.
- (168) U. S. #581, FDC.
- (169) U. S. #692, FDC.
- (170) U. S. #693, FDC.
- (171) U. S. #694, FDC.
- (172) U. S. #699, FDC.
- (174) Brazil #633a mint.
- (175) Dom. Repub. #57-61, impt.
- (176) Poland #134a mint.
- (177) Ukraine #1
- (178) U. S. 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Here at Olympia, the capital of Washington, I had one of the most unusual experiences of my career as a stamp collector. As a result of my interest in the stamps in one of the state's departments, no less than three police cars descended upon me!

It seems that a new stamp was about to be issued and the supervisor was afraid that I was planning a robbery of some or all of the new thousands of dollars shipment they had received! My inspection of the earthquake damage to this particular building, right in front of the local police didn't help matters any either!

The local police called in a state patrolman, and a patrol wagon over to the police car for a conference with the supervisor who was in it, walked back, asked a few routine questions and finally blurted "You just collect stamps for a hobby, don't you?"—To my great surprise! That was the first inkling that I had that I was expected to be any more than a witness to some crime!

In the end everyone had a good laugh and my wife and I continued on our trip to Washington, D. C.

New information obtained on Washington State stamps is: The 50c, \$2, \$5 and \$50 Documentary stamps are now rouletted instead of perforated as before. These stamps are used on deeds only and are therefore very scarce in used condition.

A new 4c red Cigarette decal was scheduled to go into use on June 2 to replace the former 2c tax. This stamp is about the same size and shape as the old 2c stamps but is arranged lengthwise of the oval instead of vertically as before.

Only 380 of the 1/2c Cigarette stamps were sold during the fiscal year 1947-48 and only 100 of the 2 1/2c stamps were used in the same period. In contrast, 103 million 2c stamps were sold and 158 million 2c meters were imprinted. The other values, were issued as follows: 1c—5 thousand and 5c—157 thousand. Total proceeds from sales were in excess of \$5 million, of which \$262 thousand was given in discounts allowed for the labor of affixing the stamps.

POD Again Revises Mail List For China

The Post Office Department has again revised the list of the places in China to which mail can be sent. Newest information is as follows.

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Regular-mail service, surface only, is also available to the provinces of China not listed above, including Manchuria, which are not under Nationalist control. Mail service is not available to Mongolia.

Parcel-post service, surface only, is available to the island of Taiwan (Formosa).

It is recommended that, when possible, articles be addressed in Chinese characters in addition to English.

BRITISH EMPIRE CHATTER

by HENRY M. FRIEDMAN
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AUSTRALIA. The new five shilling stamp appeared recently watermarked multiple Crown C of A, although it was expected that all new stamps would be on the new unwatermarked paper. There has also been issued a five pence postage due stamp. This value has not been used since 1904.

According to "Stamp Collecting" the half pence postage due stamp of Australia is used exclusively to collect a customs due on pamphlets from the United States. This would indicate that this value is not a postage due stamp.

NEW ZEALAND. The 1948 Health stamps were withdrawn from sale on January 31, 1949. The actual numbers sold are not available but very few were destroyed. The quantities printed were 5,500,000 of the lower value and 6,000,000 of the 2 pence plus 1 pence.

Due to the postponement of the Royal tour, the proposed Royal visit stamps are being held pending decision of their ultimate disposal.

EGYPT. Egypt plans to issue three low value stamps in connection with the U. P. U. 75th anniversary in October.

MALAY STATES. The 11 Silver Wedding sets of this group are hard to purchase at this time and it appears that they will probably join the ever increasing group of really scarce wedding sets. This is especially true as regards used sets and stamps as the number sent to the various countries was very small. It is reported that in one case the number was only 400 sets. On cover these sets should be good.

CYRENAICA. Britain has recently agreed to the formation of a government in this former Italian North African colony and has recognized Enir Sayed Idress El Senussi, spiritual leader of the colony's 250,000 Senussi Arab tribesmen, as the head of the government.

This action has the effect of bringing Cyrenaica nearer to eventual independence under British tutelage. In January 1949, the Crown Agents in London announced the order for printing a permanent issue for Cyrenaica consisting of 13 values of postage and revenue and seven postage dues. It was announced then that these stamps were for the British Military Administration.

MOROCCO ARBITRAGE. Due to the low price of the Peseta, some people in Morocco bought large numbers of the Silver Wedding sets of Morocco and then traded their surplus for sets of the other countries, where the \$4.03 pound was in use. As the 45 Pesetas represented only about \$1.80, these trades proved very profitable.

The first stamp of Great Britain proper to bear the double inscription "Postage and Revenue" is the common 1880 one penny lilac. Since then all the values up to the shilling values have borne the inscription except the British Empire Exhibition and Postal Union Congress issues.

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By Carl P. Rueth

Today, Independence Day, should be just about as good a time as any to express an independent view on the matter of future commemorative stamp programs.

Recently, Rep. George P. Miller, Sixth District, California introduced into the 81st Congress his bill H. R. 4983 having to do with the issuance of commemorative stamps. It asks that a commission be established consisting of the PMG as chairman, the Archivist of the USA, the secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, the Librarian of Congress and one individual from private life.

Those men are to consider all requests for commems and make selections of those to be issued. That's fine.

But I very strongly object to another section of the same bill, and it is one that I believe all stamp fans should demand removal from the possibility of its becoming law. It reads:

"Sec. 2 (a) The Commission shall select, with respect to each calendar year beginning with the calendar year 1950, not to exceed twelve subjects, each of which the commission considers to be of sufficient historical interest or current importance to merit the issuance during such year of a commemorative stamp."

I definitely object to limiting the number of commemorative stamps to twelve per year.

There are years when more will be advisable and needed, and there is no point in making it an offense against the laws of the United States to produce more than that amount.

If the Commission is to be composed of the persons named above, and all of whom can reasonably be presumed to be intelligent, informed and interested in their work, I am quite sure that they will discharge their responsibilities to the best interests of all.

It seems to me that the 1948 program of 29 commems has caused a lot of unnecessary hysteria. To be sure a number of the stamps were not worthy, and the Bureau stated that it was hard pressed to produce them. But on the whole no one was hurt very much out of the deal financially or otherwise.

And if one of you plate block or sheet collectors write telling me that the 29 stamps nearly ruined you financially, I am telling you right now such collecting costs dough and if you can't afford it get out of it. Don't spoil the fun for those who are satisfied with a single or block.

After all, we are supposed to be collectors of stamps, some of which are going to be awful bad regardless of how you try to limit their production.

In keeping with our Independence Day theme:

1. Did any United States postage stamp ever have its first day of issue on July 4?
2. Do any of our postage stamps show a scene connected with the Declaration of Independence?

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And the question of course is, "Is a mail handling employee permitted to read the message on a postal card passing through his hands in the line of duty?"

The postal employee is permitted to read the message on a postal card in the line of duty to see that no improper or abusive language is used that would render it unavailable.

But, he is not permitted to speak of the contents of the writing!

Those who know all the answers about the Declaration of Independence can skip the following. No point in boring yourself.

There is little need in repeating what the document is and for what it stands since if you don't know those fundamentals, you are certainly a very poor citizen.

Even the beginning school child knows that the Colonies established in the new world of America got pretty well fed up with the tyrannical didoes of the British Kings in the years before 1776. In fact some of the Colonies which were well organized and going concerns had been urged to independence by John Adams prior to that year.

Three of the thirteen, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and South Carolina had formed independent commonwealths which severed all ties with England. Adams urged the other ten to do likewise and at the same time form a federation of their own for mutual assistance and protection.

In the Continental Congress on June 7, 1776 Richard Henry Lee moved that, "these united Colonies are and of right ought to be free and independent states, that they are absolved from all allegiance to the British Crown, and that all political connection between them and the States of Great Britain is and ought to be totally dissolved."

This motion was seconded by John Adams, but action on it was delayed until July 1. On July 2, the resolution was passed.

Unanimous approval was given to the declaration on July 4 by twelve of the Colonies whose delegates had been instructed by

their home governments to support the measure. New York was the only state which did not approve the measure on July 4. Its delegates finally obtained instructions to go along with the other twelve colonies in order to make the approval unanimous.

New York signed up on July 9. The Declaration of Independence was engrossed on parchment in accordance with a resolution passed by the Continental Congress on July 19, and on August 2, the document was signed by the 53 members then present.

Later, three other members affixed their signatures to make the total 56 signers.

John Hancock, as president of the Continental Congress, signed the document first. His is one of the few signatures which definitely stand out.

As to the wording of the Declaration, this had been entrusted to a committee of five which included Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Adams, Roger Sherman and R. R. Livingston. But while all were supposed to have worked on it, the document prepared by Jefferson was adopted almost word for word with but slight changes.

It is not generally known that a president of the United States nearly had the document ruined in trying to perform an act of patriotism and kindness.

The president was John Quincy Adams who in 1823 thought it would be nice to give each of the heirs of the signers a copy of the original. To duplicate the original as closely as possible he ordered that an engraved copper plate be prepared from it, exact in all details. This would then be used for the reproductions.

In the process of making the plate, a wet sheet was pressed against the face of the Declaration. The water drew out the ink in most of the signatures making them weak and illegible. The text, while affected to some extent was not damaged as much.

The original is one of the most sacred and well guarded documents of the government of the United States. It and the original draft of the Constitution are given limited public showings.

But I am sure that the government would cooperate to the fullest extent in making the viewing of these documents possible even to providing color filters to those who can see nothing but RED.

1. Yes, there was one, the 3c Win The War issue. It had its first day of issue on July 4, 1942.
2. The 24c value (Scott type A41) of the 1869 pictorial issue pictured the "Signing of the Declaration of Independence." It was adapted from Trumbull's painting of the same name.

Souvenir Sheet Group Elects New Officers

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By Joseph F. Bush

Member, Austria Philatelic Society

Not too many collectors know that the stamp which was issued by Austria to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the death of Franz Grillparzer, appears in three different printings. Scott lists two of them as numbers 489 and 490, differentiating both the printings to plates made by line engraving. Actually, the first printing was by the line engraved process, while the second (not listed by Scotts) and third were photogravure produced.



The stamp on the left is the one produced from line engraved plates and listed by the Scott Catalog as #490. The center stamp is the short-lived issue printed by photogravure process and which as yet Scott does not number. The stamp on the right was produced by photogravure also. It is known as the third printing and is number 489 by Scott.

The first printing from line engraved plates was the one most collectors bought if they got their stamp as soon as it was made available on the philatelic market. It was issued on February 10, 1947.

Prof. F. Lorber, designer and engraver of many of the stamps of Austria was responsible for this one of Grillparzer. Since the same design appears on each of the three printings his name appears at the bottom of each stamp also, in fine lettering.

The second printing by the photogravure process, and the one not yet listed by Scotts Catalog, was issued during June 1947.

Distinguishing marks on this stamp include the lettering at the top of the stamp which does not stand out clearly, but merges into the weakly contrasted background. The two dots over the "O" of Osterreich are not attached to the letter itself, and the features of the portrait are harsh.

Also to be noted is that the designer's name at the bottom of the design touches the adjoining colored background.

This printing had the shortest life of the three, the sale being discontinued without notice. Possibly the Austrian Postal Administration realized the weakness of the stamp design as printed and made arrangements for the new plates from which the third variety was printed.

Stamps from the third plate made their appearance in June of 1947 also. There are easily distinguishable points of difference which makes these stamps readily identified.

The lettering at the top of the design stands out more clearly against the darker background. The two dots over the "O" of Osterreich are attached to the letter, the only one of the three with this feature. The features of the portrait are much softer, giving a more pleasing appearance to it.

To be noted also is that the background of the portrait is made to contrast more strongly with the balance of the stamp. Another mark which makes the third print-

ing identifiable from the second is that the name of the designer at the bottom of the stamp is free of the design.

All three of the above varieties are listed by the Wiener Briefmarken Catalog.

Undoubtedly the Scott Catalog will carry a listing of the three varieties in the next edition. The stamps are actual separate printings and easily told from each other at a glance which should certainly merit listings as major varieties.

Philippine Agency Will Accept Credit

It is now possible for collectors to establish a credit with the Stamp and Philatelic Division of the Bureau of Posts of the Philippines, according to a recent official announcement from there.

Heretofore, collectors have had to remit for stamps and covers as they appeared, and many times the announcement of new stamps and cover service has been too late for use in the United States.

Collectors can now send a sum of money to the Stamp and Philatelic Division, Bureau of Posts, Manila, Philippines. This should be sent by International Money Order only, since the Bureau will not be responsible for coins and bills sent through the mail.

It would be advisable to remit a sum sufficient to cover the costs of the desired stamps and covers for a period of time.

The Bureau will charge for the stamps plus return postage and registration, and in the case of covers where the collector does not supply these, they will be supplied by the Bureau at cost.

The rate of exchange is 2 Pesos (200 centavos) for 1 United States dollar (100 cents).

At the time of sending the money order for the establishment of the credit, the collector should specify for what the money is to be used, such as how many of all new stamps, first day covers, special covers or general coverage. Instructions to leave the money on credit until specific orders arrive for its use can be made also.

A souvenir sheet of semi-postal stamps was issued by Belgium to help finance the Queen Elizabeth Music Foundation in 1937.

Kansas Collectors Organize New Club

A number of Coffeyville, Kansas collectors recently organized to form the Coffeyville Collectors Club. The formal organization of the group was completed with 18 members but at the present time, several interested persons have signed the application forms to join up.

Meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month at the Council Chambers in the City Hall. Visitors are always welcome.

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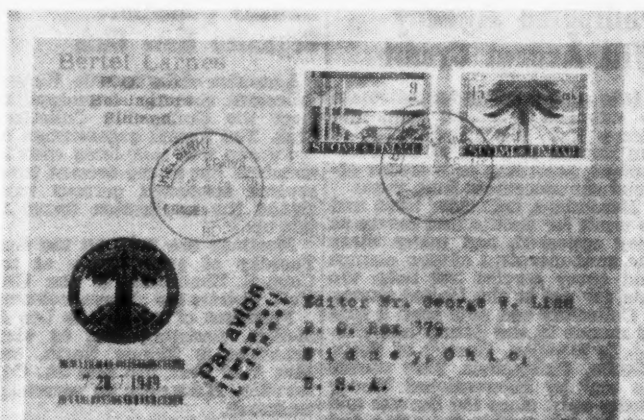
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BY KENNETH M. GIERHART
Baltimore, Ohio

BAR PRECANCELS

Bar precancels are the primitive cancellations of our present day precancel. The forerunner we might say. The term "BAR" is just a term as it can mean lines, squares, circles, triangles, smudges etc.

To one who has access to old time material there is a wide open field for research. Although many of the BAR precancels are listed and catalogued, I feel, without being disrespectful to the compilers of the catalog that many of the items are no doubt listed in error. That is they are listed under the wrong town or city name.

The reason is very simple when you know the situation. With printers not being too numerous and competition very keen it was not unusual for a merchant in one city to engage a printer in another city to print and mail from the printers city certain advertisements.

Of course the address would be from the merchant's city and naturally the stamp would be listed as being from that place. Perhaps by accident or the like, years later it was found that the mailing was not made from the place the corner card suggested.

A piece of mail from a La Crosse, Wis. firm was noted recently with a 3c 1895 Bar precancel. The bars were vertical and there were two of them. A dead ringer for the items listed as St. Paul. No such items or type is listed under LaCrosse.

Now then did this LaCrosse merchant hire a Saint Paul printer to print and mail his advertising literature or are the Saint Paul items listed in error. As I say there is a wide open field in the realm of Bar cancellations to be explored. Some few collectors are trying but it takes a lot of them and their pooled knowledge to really clear up the muddled picture as it stands today.

Many heavily cancelled old U. S. stamps perhaps are BAR cancellations used in a manner as a precancel to speed up the mail and are waiting to be identified. Don't say there is nothing left to specialize in anymore, there are still BAR precancels waiting for your efforts.

About ten years ago the Ohio Sales Tax law was changed in that the State of Ohio would redeem used sales tax stamps and pay \$3.00 for each \$100.00 in face value returned to the state. This action was supposed to insure better collection of the tax as the people making purchases would insist on receiving the stamps for this refund, or turn them over to some charitable institution which would obtain the refund.

Chorus Girl Takes Boy Stamp Collector

by Harry Blue

Ever hear of a philatelic chorus girl?

I did. As a matter of fact I started her on her hobby. It was while working at a nite spot in London, the Dorchester hotel, to be exact. She was a pretty girl, a member of the chorus and seemed very interested in my tales of do or die in the stamp world. Each nite during off moments in the show, I'd recount the thrills and spills of the days chase and it wasn't surprising to find her an ardent collector in two weeks.

By this time I was acquainted with a good percentage of the dealers in London and many of her questions involved the names and locations of these dealers. Our show ran fourteen weeks at the hotel and after ten weeks the little lady had a pretty fair knowledge of U. S. stamps.

She had progressed to the point where I now could discuss prices and lots with her and always, that same rapt, avid attention to all details.

One day I dashed in to tell her that I had dug up a wonderful little lot at a certain dealer, which among other things contained a superb pair of U. S. #1 with a lovely orange postmark. The price was almost a gift.

Her enthusiasm matched mine. The next day I drew the necessary funds from the bank and made for the dealer. That nite I had sad news for my choline friend. Someone had beaten me to the prize.

About a week later I unearthed another cute lot consisting chiefly of early mint U. S. commems in prime condition. Unfortunately the owner had to be consulted that nite to find if my offer was acceptable. I offered to take my pretty friend along to share in the thrill of a find, but there was a rehearsal.

The next day I got to the treasure trove to find that once more I had been beaten to the punch. I felt a bit punchy myself for this was a new experience. Once more the same bad luck and then the show had run its course.

Fond goodbyes were being said, so I hurried to the dressing room of my pretty protegee but she wasn't there and I was about to shove off when I noticed her album lying on the shelf.

I opened it for a last look while waiting for her to return and then blinked and took another look, for here smiling up at me was my brilliant pair of 5c '47s.

Yep! You guessed it.

Here was the early bird who had captured all my philatelic worms. My lovely lady had taken me beautifully. I didn't wait to say goodbye.

Editors Note: Harry Blue was a member of that well known act "The Three Sailors" which had such a phenomenal success in all the countries in which it appeared. It was during the years when the act was travelling in both this and foreign countries that Mr. Blue built his stock of U. S. material. He has now retired from the stage to his own stamp business conducted at 78-11 Kew Forest Lane, Forest Hills, N. Y. He is a regular advertiser in this paper.

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Mr. Jacobson goes on to point out a peculiarity of the Jap method of collecting stamps, at least in the used state. They will buy one of each of the newly issued stamps on the first day of issue and paste them securely in their albums, then ask the postal clerk to cancel them with the first day postmark right in their albums.

Apparently, none of them were at all interested in affixing the new issues to covers for servicing through the post office.

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But I need stamps and if you have a collection, lot, stock, accumulation, etc I'd like to buy it. I'm not particularly interested in large profits—I'm really interested in being occupied. For this reason I don't think you'll find me stingy as to the price I will pay for your stamps. I'd like to hear from you.
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The Plate Blocker
By
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The 1948 issues have made their mark in Philatelic history and there will undoubtedly be many warm debates, both pro and con, in the years to come. Nevertheless there were many other years, in the past, which produced stamps that from a collectors viewpoint were just as interesting as the 'forty-eighters'. The glamour and hullabaloo surrounding the 1948 issues, did take our attention away from previous emissions but now that the excitement has subsided somewhat we can look back and take note on the status of those stamps.
Towards the end of the 1920's the Bureau of Engraving and Printing produced a series of commemoratives known and popularly referred to as 'the red carnies'. These were the forerunners of things to come. One might safely state that this was a period of reformation, for stamp collectors, for national interest was really becoming deep-rooted.
With the advent of James Farley, as Postmaster General, philately was introduced to a new streamlined policy. Stamps were lifted from their lethargy and placed on a lofty pedestal. In fact stamps were used as a strong bid for political advantages.
The 'Farley Issues' of the middle 'thirties' attest to this fact. Quite a bit of excitement ensued with complaints and grumbling coming from the four corners of the country. 'Farley's Follies' were quickly put in their place and the new issues, to come, were produced with a minimum of publicity.
At any rate Postmaster Farley had set the pattern and even though he was eventually superceded, in his office, many a stamp issuing year has come and gone and his mark has been present regardless of the fact that he no longer supervised.
Following 'Farley's Follies' we were presented with a series of sedate 3c commemor which for some unknown reason has been looked down upon by the average collector. Like the '2c red carnies', of the late 'twenties' these quickly received their own nickname. A sort of sarcastic monicker called the '3c purple'.
Frankly they are not a bad lot and I've seen worse. Because of the popularity, of the Farley Issues, these were sort of carried along in the aftermath and in so far as we 'Plate Blockers', are concerned a tremendous amount of plate blocks were accumulated and saved.
Naturally this caused the plate block collector to steer clear, to a certain degree and they are still being treated as if they were 100,000,000 issues. In truth the average printing were only some 70,000,000 each with some even less. All I can say, in behalf of these 3c purples is don't pass them up as some day, and it may be sooner than you expect, you will find yourself having a time of it in your endeavors to complete your positions.
Let us take a look at their current market valuations.

No. 772-3c Connecticut-6PN-24 Pos. (70,726,800 issued)

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| 21391 | 21392 |
| .40 .50 | .45 .45 |
| .50 .50 | .40 .40 |
| 21393 | 21394 |
| .50 .40 | .45 .40 |
| .45 .45 | .45 .40 |
| 21395 | 21396 |
| .50 .50 | .50 .50 |
| .50 .50 | .50 .50 |

No. 773 San Diego Exposition-6PN-24 Pos. (100,839,600 issued)

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|---------|---------|
| 21405 | 21406 |
| .40 .40 | .45 .50 |
| .40 .40 | .45 .40 |
| 21407 | 21408 |
| .40 .40 | .45 .40 |
| .40 .40 | .50 .50 |
| 21409 | 21410 |
| .45 .45 | .45 .45 |
| .45 .45 | .45 .45 |

No. 774-3c Boulder Dam-12PN-48 or 36 Pos. (73,610,650 issued)

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| 21455 | 21456 |
| .60 .65 | .60 .60 |
| .60 .60 | .60 .60 |
| 21457 | 21458 |
| .60 .65 | .60 .75 |
| .60 .60 | .60 .60 |
| 21459 | 21460 |
| .60 .70 | .60 .70 |
| .60 .60 | .60 .60 |
| 21461 | 21462 |
| .60 .70 | .60 .70 |
| .60 .60 | .60 .60 |
| 21463 | 21464 |
| .60 .65 | .60 .65 |
| .60 .60 | .60 .60 |
| 21465 | 21466 |
| .60 .65 | .60 .65 |
| .60 .60 | .60 .60 |

NOTE: The Boulder Dam stamp was a flat plate printing. The orthodox collector obtains his blocks in sixes with the plate number centered in the attached selvage whether it be top, bottom or sides.
The upper right position is usually recognized with the addition of small 'F' placed either to the right or left of the plate number. There are occasions when upper right positions appear without this distinguishing mark making it necessary for the exacting collector to obtain larger block which includes the extreme upper right portion of the pane.
The upper left positions have the plate number minus the 'F'. The bottom positions are alike and have no physical differences except if one collects larger blocks which includes the left or right hand margins. Therefore I list, as above for the Boulder Dam, 36 or 48 positions.
It is your option to collect two or one bottom plates of a number. If you collect two bottoms then to complete your Boulder Dam set you need 48 positions and if you take just one bottom then 36 positions completes your set. Either way is accepted.
Of course two bottoms squares off the showing of a plate number just as in rotary press matched numbers but as I stated one bottom suits the purpose to complete your positions for flat plate sets of matched numbers.
More valuations on the '3c Purples' to follow.

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The 1949 price list of the stamps of Cuba issued by Ricardo del Campo, Obispo 502, Havana, Cuba, besides offering them mint and used also offers thirty Puerto Principe issues. Various printing, color and plate varieties are included in the del Campo stock. Specialists in the gutter blocks have a full stock to draw upon. The list is free.

A price list of sets and singles of the stamps of the World has been produced by Nonie Green, 709 N. Madison, San Angelo, Texas. This is a permanent list to which supplementary additions will be made from time to time. It has been sent to the regular Green customers, and will be sent to others on request to the address above.

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Report Progress On SPA Activities

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The President's Trophy donated by Hil F. Best president of the S.P.A. will be the top award. Cups for various groups include Vice President Ig Reiner's Cup, the S.P.A. Research Award by J. Elmer Zinsmeister, the Branch Publication Cup by Frank Browne, the East Asia Trophy, the California Collectors Club Trophy, the Stephen Rich Cup, and the Cancellation and Meters Trophy and others still to be announced.

All exhibitions must reach San Francisco by August 15 and the prospectus for the exhibit may be obtained from Joseph M. Clary, 135 Polk Street, San Francisco 2, Calif.

The election of two directors will be decided and the June issue of the S.P.A. JOURNAL announces the names of seven members making the run. They are Bert Brownner, Alfred Diamond, E. Q. Lowderback, Samuel A. Poe, Stephen G. Rich, Frank Stultz and Cyrus R. Thompson. After the two directors are elected the three alternate directors will be chosen from the next three highest on the ballot.

President Hil F. Best and Junior Chairman John Britt will carry reports on the unusually successful JUNIOR ACTIVITIES MONTH which has just been concluded. Special attention will be paid to the junior activities all during the year, the month of May was used to focus attention on the work carried on for years by many S.P.A. Branch Clubs.

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THE 1917 DOCUMENTARY OVERPRINTS

by John Bobo

1917 Documentary Overprints

Few, if any, other U. S. Revenue issues have been overprinted in as many ways as this one. There is a huge amount of material to collect and little competition. Many scarce varieties are to be found in dealers' stocks for a few pennies, if one knows what to look for.

How many collectors know that even before Scott listed varieties of the Future Delivery stamps, such stamps were issued by district revenue collectors rubber handstamped 'FD' in magenta or black ink? A few dealers often refer to these as the 'New Orleans' future delivery issues, but they were also issued in Philadelphia and New York. Each office used its own distinctive handstamp.

One may also break down the 1917 perf. 11 series into two separate types, those printed by commercial companies, and those printed by the Bureau. The vast number of different shades and hues is almost limitless.

Another field that has great possibilities is the multitude of handstamped, "NARCOTIC."

The Bureau printed series superseded these, but previously the district revenue collectors really went to town on this issue, some cities using two or more different devices. (A few of the 1914 series were also utilized as well as the 1919 blue proprietary.)

Possibly the collector may have noticed the 1917 stamps cancelled with a parcel post device. The explanation is simple: As a World War I tax measure the government placed a tax upon parcel post mail, the stamps to be attached to the packages. Large users such as Sears Roebuck, Montgomery Ward, and others had their stamps precancelled. Many varieties are to be found precancelled with the same plates used for precancelling postage stamps of the period.

Other uses for which these stamps were overprinted included Documentary, Future Delivery, Stock Transfer, Silver Tax, Tobacco Sales Tax.



PROSPECTIVE JUNIOR APS EXHIBITORS. A number of the boys shown in the picture above are planning to enter exhibits in the junior section of the coming APS Exhibition at Boston from August 16 to 20. They are junior members of the Mission High School Stamp Club of Roxbury, Mass. They are gathered around the moderator of the club, Bro. Earl, CFX, looking for sleepers in the grab box.

STATEMENT ON BOOK

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1949, the set is worth \$6.60, by this seer, somewhat different from the actual retail figure today of \$3.60.

NATIONAL PARKS: Great things are predicted for this set. From \$1.57 in 1947 (somewhat higher than the actual price then), these should touch \$2.06 in 1949, zoom to \$3.10 in 1952. Actually, 1949 finds them selling for much less than the price of 1947!

TEN CENT S. P. A. PANE: This never did quite sell for the 22c in 1947 that is ascribed to it, but it certainly has never in 1949 sold for the 34c they give it! In 1952, it will be worth 44c, so the book says.

FARLEY SHEETS: Count your riches, those who have these in full sheets. We recall that the top price in 1947 was about \$750, not far off from the starting figure in the book of \$869.70. But in 1949 the price for a set of sheets offered in a dealer's advertisement was \$575.00. The owner undoubtedly hadn't read in this book that in 1949 they would be worth \$1,204.50—and that if he held until 1952, it would be worth \$1798.90.

These are actually taken at random. Flipping the pages produced these contrasts. A close study could bring about even more startling contradictions between the 1949 market as predicted, and as realized. The 1930 Zeppelins for example; in 1949 they should be worth \$142, as against an actual price of \$80. The 50c Zeppelin is slated for \$17 in 1949, although it sells for just about one-third that.

But why go on? The above extremes were not picked deliberately.

We tried to find sincerely and honestly some items on which today's market coincides with the prices quoted in this crystal ball book. We don't say there are no such similarities; in two volumes of price predictions, certainly every one cannot be wrong, for even someone with no knowledge of stamps or values is going to be right once in awhile.

But with the heavy odds in favor of wrong guesses, we again stop to inquire where this figure that has been thrown around so frequently of "83% correct" can find justification.

In some twenty-five instances picked at random for the purposes of this article, we find an approximately correct guess just once (that on Scott No. #CE2). One in twenty-four according to our not so excellent arithmetic seems to us to be about 4% correct, approximately speaking. And by this same arithmetic, being 83% correct and 96% wrong is not exactly the same thing.

We'll stick to Dunninger, if you don't mind. He's 90% correct, and darned good entertainment besides.

Nebraskans Celebrate Club's Second Anniversary

The Society of Philatelic Weconians (Western Electric Company Employees) at Lincoln, Nebraska held their second Anniversary banquet and exhibit at the Y. M. C. A. Green Room, Saturday, June 11. R. W. Palme, President of the Lincoln Collectors Club spoke on "What is Real Stamp Collecting." L. V. Michal was toastmaster.

The club meets the third Monday of each month at the YMCA in the North Room.

Kansas City, Kans. Now Has Stamp Club

For the first time in a number of years there is a stamp club in Kansas City, Kans. It goes under the name of the Jayhawk Stamp Club, the group meeting regularly on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p. m. at the Chamber of Commerce Rooms.

Officers were recently elected. The balloting made James F. Brown, president, A. M. Anderson, vice-president, Gary Breidenthal, treasurer and Mrs. Myrtle Hatley, 760 Ridge Ave., Kansas City 6, Kans., secretary.

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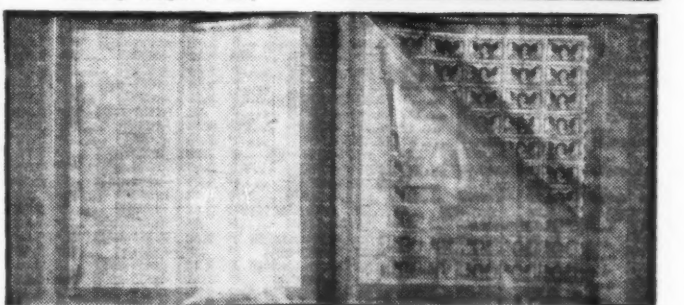
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